(b) whether reservation/relaxation has been provided for SC|ST employees promotions under "Lateral Advancement" as suggested by Hon'ble Supreme Court in a Judgement date the 29th August, 1988. (i) if not reasons therefor; and (ii) if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A Scheme of Lateral Advancement has been introduced in cadre of JTOs working in Department of Telecom. The JTOs under this scheme are placed in the scale of 2000—3500 on completion of 12 years service in the cadre of JTOs only to relieve the senior members of the carde of stagnation. This placement is on nonfunctional basis which implies that the officials on placement in higher scale continue to perform the same duties which they were hitherto performing. The placement in higher scale does not, therefore, amount to promotion.

(i) The scheme had been implemented with effect from 1.1.1990.

(ii) and (iii) The scheme does not replace the normal scheme of promotion from JTO to Group B. Hence clearance of the backlog of vacancies under this scheme does not arise. The reservation for S/C and S/T will apply as usual at the stage of promotiin to TES Group B.

(b) The Supreme Court judgement referred to does not apply to this case. This judgement is in respect of promotion to higher cadre whereas in this case there is no promotion involved.

Pollution Inspectors in Delhi Administration

1356. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some posts of pollution Inspectors, had been created in Transport Department of Delhi Administration and about 50 Inspectors having Engineering qualifications were recruited/appointed in 1987;

(b) whether the Department has framed Rules within one year of 1st recruitment in compliance of Government of India's notificaton No. A-12011|1|88 dated 26th April, 1988; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the rules are likely to be framed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The Delhi Administration have created 50 posts of Pollution Level Test Inspectors in the year 1987. A total of 46 Inspectors with Engineering qualification have been recruited so far.

(b) The posts were filled on a regular basis and necessary recruitment rules have already been framed by the Delhi Administration.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

Findings of a Committee of Press Council of India

1357. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whehter Government are aware that according to the findings of a Committee of the Press Council of India, the reports of atrocities and human rights violation by security forces in Kupwara, in Jammu and Kashmir which appeared in foreign press, are entirely baseless;

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with concerned foreign Governments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The factual position has adready been communicated to the Ministry of External Affairs to advise our